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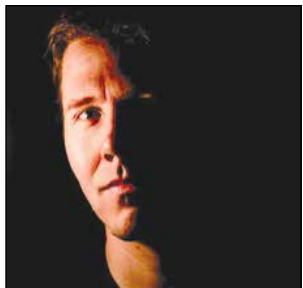
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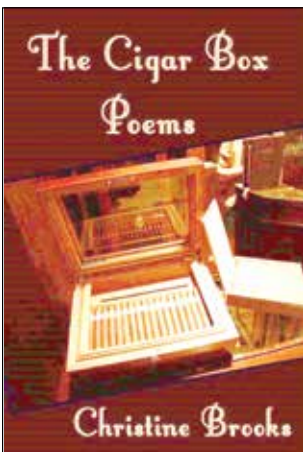
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## Spooky, weird local legends to be probed

Explore the unexplained with “New England Legends” storyteller Jeff Belanger at the Holyoke Public Library next week.

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## Poetry book to launch at Wyckoff

Christine Brooks, a Springfield resident who works for the city of Holyoke, will launch her new book of poetry April 1 at Wyckoff Country Club.

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## Applications are due on Monday for Vega grants

The Carlos Vega Fund for Social Justice is inviting applications for the ninth round of mini grants.

The fund awards small grants, typically ranging from \$250 to \$1,000, to individuals and nonprofit groups for a specific, one-time program or project that addresses the basic causes of injustice, fosters change, and promotes self-help and empowerment. The purpose of the grants is to support the efforts of those who are addressing issues of poverty and oppression, particularly for people who are marginalized by society.

GRANT, 2

# Coronavirus cancels parade, race

City fears infection risk  
for spectators, officers

By Shelby Macri  
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For the first time in nearly seven decades, Holyoke won't celebrate St. Patrick's Day with a parade this year.

Worries about the coronavirus epidemic have prompted organizers and city officials to cancel the March 22 parade, along with the road race scheduled for March 21.

“As many of you know, over 400,000 people from all over

the world come to Holyoke for the Road Race and the parade,” Mayor Alex Morse said on Tuesday. “It would be irresponsible of us to carry on with these events as scheduled.”

Parade President Marc Joyce acknowledged that the decision will come as a disappointment to the thousands of people who enjoy the parade and road race as a family tradition. The parade has been held annually, without interruption, since 1952. Runners from around the world have competed in the 10 km road race each year since 1976.

“I'm really hoping the public will understand our decision,

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still scheduled, page 5.

and actually it's not our, the St. Patrick's Committee, decision, it's the city's decision for us,” Joyce said. “I respect that decision, and we have [had] a wonderful working relationship with the city of Holyoke for years. We understand that this was a decision that had to be made, and

we'll make the best of it going forward.”

The decision was made in a meeting on Tuesday morning, March 10, as the Mayor's Emergency Management Advisory Council met to discuss potential health risks at the two well-attended annual events. The council consists of the Fire Chief Jeffrey Przekopowski, Police Chief Manny Febo, Board of Health Director Sean Gonsalves, and others. Joyce also attended the meeting, to hear city officials' concerns and discuss the steps

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Riley Jajko, 4, Logan Jajko, 6, and Savannah Kuas, 6, show their Irish spirit at the third annual Dobbin's Tartan Party last Saturday at the Holyoke Merry-Go-Round. More photos, page 16.

Photo by Adrienne Johnson

## HCC snags biggest-ever private grant

Holyoke Community College has received by far the largest donation in its 74-year history, \$7.5 million, which may be the largest donation ever recorded by a community college in Massachusetts.

The gift comes from a familiar source, the Elaine Nicpon Marieb Foundation, established by the late Elaine Marieb, a longtime HCC faculty member, alumna, best-selling textbook author and Northampton native. It was announced by HCC President Christina Royal on Feb. 28, during a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the renovated Campus Center.

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## Y fundraiser honors members for service

By Shelby Macri  
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The Greater Holyoke YMCA threw its annual Sneaker Peek event last weekend, where members illustrate the impact that the YMCA has had on the community while also honoring outstanding volunteers within the community.

The two awards given included the Louis F. Oldershaw Community Service Award, for an individual who has made significant volunteer contributions to the YMCA and the community at large. This award was given to Barbara Baran, a lifelong resident of

Holyoke and a longtime volunteer at the YMCA. She worked at the YMCA for eight years before volunteering for 13 years. Baran has been vice president, president, secretary, worked on the board, the financial development committee, the board development committee, and many more.

“You work your way up, they run out of offices, they kick you out. ‘We don't have anything else you can do, you got to go,’” Baran said. “Though I'm still on several committees and I still help to raise money for the Y.”

The other award is the

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Swimmers, from left, Emmalyn Humber, Olivia Cordis, and Briella Humber spoke at the Greater Holyoke YMCA's Sneaker Peek fundraiser last weekend. Photos by Shelby Macri



# Schools offer advice for avoiding coronavirus

Following Gov. Charlie Baker’s declaration of a state of emergency this week surrounding the coronavirus known as Covid-19, Receiver-Superintendent Stephen Zrike sent a letter to the school community on Wednesday detailing the efforts Holyoke schools are taking to minimize student, family and staff exposure to the disease.

All student travel outside of Holyoke schools is canceled until further notice, he announced. Winter sports have ended, and Holyoke will follow Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association guidelines when games begin again in the spring. Staff travel for work purposes outside the Holyoke schools must be approved by a principal or department leader.

School remains in session, however, and school community and district-wide events are proceeding as planned.

Within the schools, “nurses are working with students and staff to quickly treat illnesses and recommend appropriate actions,” Zrike wrote in his letter. “They are providing cleaning materials to teachers and staff as needed. We are encouraging staff and students to remain home when ill.”

He went on to say that the schools’ food service team is taking extra precautions, including the use of a fast-acting disinfectant spray. Additional hand sanitizer stations will be provided for students, and the use of self-serve buffets has been suspended. All food served to students in the

cafeteria is by trained staff with the appropriate equipment. As part of the schools’ breakfast in the classroom program, staff are cleaning and sanitizing desks before and after the morning meal.

“Our facilities and custodial team are following our strong cleaning procedures of schools and offices and have increased the cleaning of high traffic areas,” Zrike continued. “We have many products, ranging from germicidals that prevent infection to disinfectant sprays that kill biological contaminants to diluted bleach, following the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines. Our team is especially focused on ‘high-touch’ areas, such as railings, drinking fountains, faucets, and doorknobs. We are also regularly checking our facilities to ensure that all soap dispensers are filled and providing all classrooms with disinfectant cleaner so that it is available for use.”

He said the School Department’s transportation companies are cleaning buses and vans multiple times per day, and are also focusing on “high-touch” areas, such as handrails, door handles, seats, and flat surfaces, as well as training staff on cleanliness.

Zrike also said his office is communicating regularly with city and state officials for the latest guidance. If any events are canceled or procedures change, parents will be notified. Information is also available at [www.hps.holyoke.ma.us/families/health-wellness-nursing](http://www.hps.holyoke.ma.us/families/health-wellness-nursing).

**Healthy habits**

“Although Holyoke Public Schools has no presumed or confirmed cases of the virus, we are taking extra precautionary methods to ensure the safety of our students, staff, and families,” Zrike wrote. “Remember, the best defense is a good offense! It is important to stay calm, learn the facts, and plan ahead.”

He listed several suggestions for how students and their families can reduce their chances of catching the coronavirus or other contagious diseases.

- Get vaccinated for the flu — it’s not too late. Flu is still very active and the flu shot helps to protect against getting both influenza and Covid-19.
- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Handwashing is the single most important thing one can do to stay well. When soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60 percent alcohol. Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Those who have traveled out of the country in the past 14 days, or plan to travel out of the country, should speak with their child’s school nurse.
- Avoid air and cruise travel and avoid large public gatherings, especially for older adults or those with a chronic medical condition.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Keep children home from school

when they are sick (temperature greater than 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit; persistent coughing, vomiting or diarrhea; feeling ill; unknown or undiagnosed rash; itchy or crusty eye with drainage; excessive nose drainage). The child should remain home until feeling well and fever-free for at least 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication. The illness should also be reported to the child’s school nurse.

- Cough and sneeze into the sleeve, or cough or sneeze into a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash and wash hands.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Avoid sharing drinking glasses and cups, eating utensils, dishes, towels, or other items. Wash items well with soap and water after use.
- Get plenty of sleep, drink plenty of water and other fluids, eat healthy food, be physically active, and manage stress.
- Call a health provider for guidance if symptoms of flu or respiratory illness develop.
- Plan ahead with at least two weeks of supplies for the possibility of an outbreak.

Holyoke school nurses and administrators are continuing to follow guidance from the federal Centers for Disease Control, Massachusetts Department of Public Health and Holyoke Board of Health. More information on the coronavirus can be found at [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html).

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Applications must be received by March 16, and grants will be awarded on May 8. Grantees are expected to attend the awards ceremony. For further information or to obtain an application, visit [www.carlosvegafund.org](http://www.carlosvegafund.org) or contact Aaron Vega at [carlosvegafund.413@gmail.com](mailto:carlosvegafund.413@gmail.com) or 413-522-0268.

The Carlos Vega Fund for Social Justice is administered through the Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts and is overseen by an advisory committee. Since 2012, the fund has awarded \$48,686 to 33 organizations in the Holyoke area.

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She will sign copies of “The Cigar Box Poems” from 6 to 9 p.m. that day at the club’s Tee Time Bar and Grill, 233 Easthampton Road, Holyoke. Attendees can also enjoy Wednesday “burger night” meals for \$7.95 per person.

Brooks’s poems have been featured in several publications, and her essay “What I Learned from Being Accidentally Celibate for Five Years” was featured in HuffPost, MSN, Yahoo and Daily Mail UK in April 2019. Her new book of poetry can be purchased at [www.christinebrookswriter.com](http://www.christinebrookswriter.com) or [www.claresongbirdspub.com/featured-authors/christine-brooks](http://www.claresongbirdspub.com/featured-authors/christine-brooks).

She has been a city employee for 15 years, and the head administrative clerk in Holyoke’s Building Department for the past nine.



Christine Brooks

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that parade organizers were planning to take to keep spectators and participants safe. Parade officials had also been scheduled to make a presentation to the city’s Board of Health on March 12.

“This meeting was scheduled for Thursday night, and I was going to explain to everybody the steps that we have taken, as the Parade Committee, to try and combat this virus,” Joyce said on Tuesday. “But after more information and listening to all the professionals here today, there’s no question in my mind, unfortunately, that the right decision is to cancel the parade and road race.”

In the end, the prospect of lining Holyoke’s downtown streets with revelers standing shoulder-to-shoulder for hours simply did not make sense at a time when Gov. Charlie Baker has declared a state of emergency and public health officials around the world are urging people to cancel unnecessary travel and stay away from large crowds.

“It’s the standpoint of the Board of Health that one of the most pressing concerns of parade weekend is large amounts of people that are enclosed in small spaces,” Gonsalves said. “The CDC guidelines have specified that social distancing, with an ideal distance of about 6 feet, can help to reduce the spread of respiratory droplets.”

One of the reasons given for canceling the events is the potential effect of a disease outbreak on Holyoke’s public safety personnel.

Febo said he had concerns about exposing all the resources of the department and possibly having a few people get sick, then those few infect half the department.

With so many visitors lining the streets of Holyoke, it’s typical to have 30 to 50 percent of the city’s police personnel on duty at the parade. The Fire Department also supplies first responders to the parade route to ensure the safety of attendees. If all of those officers were exposed to coronavirus, it could cripple the city’s ability to keep itself safe in the following days and weeks.

“As fire chief, my number one priority is protecting our first responders, protecting the citizens of Holyoke, and all the guests that enter the city,” Przekopowski said. “Supply chains have been diminished throughout the country, due to the spread.



From left, Grand Colleen Moira McDermott, and court members Emily Couture, Haley Dusseault, and Patricia Haradon, receive proclamations from Parade President Mark Joyce and City Council President Todd McGee. Not pictured is court member Natalie Mayko.

It’s one of the main reasons why, as a public safety official, the cancellation of the event was done.”

Morse also mentioned that there’s now a limited supply of personal protective equipment — such as gloves, masks, hand sanitizer, and more — and recognized the impact it has on the ability of the Fire Department to assign its officers to a potentially risky duty.

“In speaking with our emergency responders, I share their concerns regarding limited personal protective equipment,” Morse said, “and I join them in calling on the state to do whatever is necessary to increase the availability of supplies to our first responders.”

Joyce said as of Tuesday, other St. Patrick’s Committee events were on track to be held as expected, including the JFK memorial ceremony and Mass on Saturday, the Bishop’s reception at the Log Cabin on Saturday night, and the Ambassador’s Breakfast at the Senior Center on Sunday morning.

Several parade officials and honorees gathered on Tuesday night, as the City Council honored the Holyoke Caledonian Pipe Band, members of the Parade Committee, the award winners, Grand Marshal John Driscoll, and the grand colleen and her court, just hours after the difficult decision was made to cancel the parade.

“Little did any of us know when we as City Council started this tribute five years ago that one day we would host the longest St. Patrick’s parade in the commonwealth right here in City Hall, but here we are,” quipped Ward 3 Councilor David Bartley.



Ronald Dietrich, who has served 60 years with the Holyoke Auxiliary Police on the parade route, was honored with a City Council proclamation. Photos by Peter Spotts.

“This is just a chance for us of Irish descent, and for all Holyokers, to offer a small token of thanks to the parade president, the Parade Committee, the grand marshal, the JFK Award winner, other award honorees and the colleens, including the grand colleen. Each of you have offered so much and we the members of the City Council want to reiterate what all of our constituents feel by a simple ‘thank you.’”

Holyoke is not the only place in New England to cancel its parade. At the time of Tuesday’s announcement, Boston, Hartford and New Haven, among others, had canceled their celebrations, and later in the week Worcester canceled its. New York City also announced it would postpone its parade, though no make-up date has been set.

Staff writer Peter Spotts contributed to this report.



# City residents urged to trust their census

By Michael Ballway  
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What you get from filling out the federal census form: More funding for Holyoke infrastructure and schools, more government attention to Holyoke's needs and a better understanding of how many people live in each Holyoke neighborhood.

What you don't get from filling out the federal census form: Any kind of enforcement action or punishment.

Susan Hagen, partnership specialist with the U.S. Census Bureau for Western Massachusetts, emphasized that point in a discussion with the Holyoke City Council's Development and Governmental Relations Committee on Monday.

"None of this information is shared with any other department in the government," she said. "We don't look at any kind of documentation, or any kind of status. We don't share it with your landlord. The census is safe."

All the census wants is an accurate number of residents in each dwelling, and some basic information about them for statistical reasons. The census does not care whether respondents are lawful residents of their building or even of the country — only that they are residents of this community.

Households should have started receiving census forms



Susan Hagen, from the U.S. Census Bureau, answers questions from city councilors Peter Tallman, Michael Sullivan, David Bartley and Gladys Lebron-Martinez during a committee meeting on Monday. Photo by Michael Ballway

Thursday, March 12. Residents can fill out the forms and return them, postage-free. If they don't respond, they will receive more mailings from the census, inviting them to participate. After five tries through the mail, census workers begin showing up at the front door. Hagen said those personal visits begin for some properties in late April.

The followup stage of the census — where census workers called "enumerators" visit every household that hasn't responded and try to talk to the residents to get an accurate count — also represents an employment opportunity. The census wants to hire Holyoke residents to make this outreach in Holyoke, so that residents aren't being asked questions by complete strangers from far away.

"We rely on the people

in the neighborhood to be the representatives of the census," Hagen said. "They're the trusted voice."

In an effort to attract more job seekers, the census recently increased its hourly wage for enumerators to \$22, Hagen said. Asked how many hours a week they would work, she said it's up to the worker.

"You can work 40 and plus," she said. "We're foreseeing we're going to need plenty of hours."

The need is especially great for bilingual, English-Spanish, workers, said Hagen.

Enumerators do not need a college education or any special qualifications. They must be 18 years or older, and must have a valid email address.

Hagen said the Census Bureau is hoping to finish its

count by the end of August, though work could stretch into September if it runs behind schedule. By law, it has to be completed by the end of December.

Information on working for the census can be found at 2020census.gov.

The stakes are high, Hagen said. The federal census only comes around once a decade.

"It is an extremely important census," she said. "Money is distributed according to these numbers. We live with these numbers for 10 years."

City Councilor David Bartley noted that many of the infrastructure and social programs in Holyoke are funded by federal block grants. The amount of money the city receives, relative to other cities across the country, is based on

its population as determined by the 2010 census.

"It's directly connected to their children's school and how nice their roads are," Hagen said.

For whatever reason, children up to age 5 were drastically undercounted in the 2010 census, Hagen said. School districts found that out in the middle of the decade, when kindergarten enrollments ended up much higher than they had predicted using census figures. Hagen said it's important to get an accurate count of all residents from newborn to elderly, including demographic details such as their ages, so that government agencies can plan their staffing and spending.

"Babies, infants, 2-year-olds, 3-year-olds ... this population is going to go to school, need a desk, need a classroom," Hagen said.

Hagen also said Holyoke has a Complete Count Committee, dedicated to promoting the census locally and ensuring that as many city residents as possible are counted. The committee is part of the city's Office of Planning and Economic Development.

The federal census is completely separate from the city census, which is conducted annually by the city clerk's office. It is federal census figures, not the city count, that determine federal funding for projects in Holyoke.

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Belanger, one of the region's foremost researchers of folklore and legends, has written more than a dozen books examining the spooky and weird history of Massachusetts and neighboring states. He has spoken to thousands of eyewitnesses of paranormal occurrences since 1997. He also hosts the "New England Legends" television show on PBS and Amazon Prime, and a weekly podcast of the same name.

He'll give a multimedia presentation at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 19, in the Community Meeting Room of the library at 250 Chestnut St., Holyoke. Attendance is free, but registration is requested at 413-420-8101. Following the presentation, he will take questions and sign copies of his books.

## HCC welcomes campus police captain

Holyoke Community College recently welcomed Dale Brown as its new police captain and assistant director of public safety.

Brown comes to HCC with more than two decades of law enforcement experience, both as a military officer and as a civilian.

He most recently worked for the Hampshire County Sheriff's Office in Northampton, where he was a deputy sheriff and corrections officer in the county correc-

tions system, while also serving in part-time positions at Greenfield Community College as a special state police officer and as a patrol officer in Sunderland, where he resides.

Brown now serves as second in command to Campus Police Chief Laura Lefebvre, the director of public safety. He started in his new job in January.

Brown is a 15-year veteran of the U.S. Air Force, where he served in military law enforcement as a master ser-

geant, technical sergeant, staff sergeant, senior airman, and airman. During his service, he experienced multiple overseas deployments, including during operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom.

Brown earned his associate degree in criminal justice from the Community College of the Air Force and bachelor's degree in criminal justice from American Military University. He also holds a third-degree black belt in tae kwon do.



Capt. Dale Brown

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Editorial

# Let us vote early more often

With the threat of coronavirus hanging in the air, the League of Women Voters is asking state officials to allow absentee voting for everyone this spring. Not only is this a good idea, but it would be a good idea even without a declared public health state of emergency.

As fears of spreading this new virus are causing organizers to cancel public gatherings throughout the state — from high school sports games to classes at Harvard University to the Holyoke St. Patrick’s Parade — the League of Women Voters is worried that some folks may stay home from the polls for health reasons this spring, when many towns are deciding races for local officials, and Holyoke is participating in a contested March 31 special election for state senator.

The solution they suggest is to allow people to vote by mail. Those who cannot make it to the polls on Election Day because they will be out of town, or because of a legitimate medical or religious restriction, have always been able to request absentee ballots, which they can mail or hand-deliver to the city clerk anytime before the polls close, even days or weeks ahead of time.

Until recently, those who simply preferred to vote by mail were out of luck if they did not qualify for an absentee ballot. Then, four years ago, the state instituted early voting for presidential and gubernatorial elections. This included both extended polling hours in the week before the election, and a mail-in option that was essentially the same thing as absentee voting, but without the restrictions on participation. Holyoke recently enjoyed another round of early voting, as the program was expanded this year to include the presidential primary election.

If we’re going to allow early voting in some elections, why not all?

It’s understandable if the state wants to restrict in-person early voting to just the marquee elections, such as those when the president or the governor are on the ballot. Local city clerk budgets bear a heavy cost for hiring poll workers, wardens and police details for one or two full weeks of all-day voting, and the polling station takes up valuable space in City Hall for days on end. But none of those arguments apply to early voting by mail.

Granted, an expansion of early voting by mail would also create some more work for the city clerk’s office and poll workers, as each mailed ballot must be processed, filed by precinct, stored securely, and then unsealed and cast at the appropriate polling station on Election Day. But these tasks could be absorbed into the ordinary workday of the clerk’s staff and the staff already on duty at

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IN THE GARDEN

## Tasks to tackle in my yard

There are a few things to be done in my yard, some that are best done this time of year and a few others that I never got to last fall. I look forward to a warm sunny day to tackle these tasks. Maybe you are in the same boat; if so, read on.

It’s time to prune your apple trees. Accomplish this while the trees are still dormant. You have only a few more weeks to get the job done, otherwise it’s best to hold off until next winter. Remove dead or diseased branches first, sterilizing your loppers or saw in between cuts. Then concentrate on branches that are too low, too high or those that cross over or rub on one another. Remember that fruit is borne on lateral branches, so also prune out those that are growing either straight up or straight down. It is important to allow light into the canopy of the tree to ripen your fruit. For that reason thin out new, weak growth or head it back where necessary. Pruning fruit trees is something you can’t overthink; do a little research and get to it!

If you didn’t tackle pruning your summer-bearing raspberries last fall, now would be a great time to do it. Leafless canes are easy to work with, but don’t forget thick gloves and long sleeves for this job; they sure are picky! Start by cutting back the canes that fruited last season all the way to the ground. Then look at what’s left. Prune away any that are skinnier than a pencil or those that have popped up in the lawn or garden path. Remember, you want to reach into the bed easily to pick all those berries! Here is the hard part: to have good air circulation within the patch, you should allow at least eight inches between canes. If you have any that are

growing closer than that, choose the healthier of the two and cut out the other one. Finally, trim off the tops of the canes so that they stand about three feet tall. The berries will be bigger and the less likely to bend under the weight of the fruit if you do so.

My strawberry plants have heaved out of the ground! I will take the time to carefully push them back in. When I am without fruit this June, kindly remind me that Christmas tree boughs or other lightweight mulch would have prevented them from bearing their roots! To be most successful, apply mulch after the ground freezes and remove it about the time forsythia blooms, usually mid-April. Strawberries aren’t the only plant that may heave out of the ground. Check your perennial bed too, especially if you planted new specimens after Labor Day. Recently installed plants may not have had the chance to grow enough new roots to properly anchor themselves, thus causing them to heave. Don’t lose hope, however, simply tuck them back into the ground and hope for the best.

You may see what looks like dead branches on rose bushes or butterfly bush. It’s still too early to tackle these plants; wait until new growth emerges to see just what you have to work with and where your cuts should be.

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Marc Joyce

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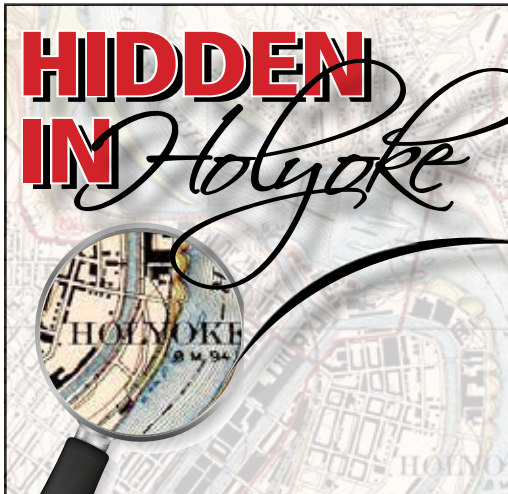
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Please email (preferred) letters to [thesun@turley.com](mailto:thesun@turley.com). Mailed letters can be sent to *The Sun*, 24 Water Street, Palmer, MA 01069.



Each week, *The Holyoke Sun* will feature a photo of a distinctive place, landmark, sculpture, sign or other recognizable object located somewhere in the city.

Think you know what or where it is? Readers are encouraged to submit their guesses to “Hidden in Holyoke” via email to [TheSun@Turley.com](mailto:TheSun@Turley.com). In order to qualify for the weekly contest, entries must be received by Wednesday at noon for inclusion into Friday’s edition. Please include your full name with your guess in an email to [TheSun@turley.com](mailto:TheSun@turley.com). If more than one correct answer is received, the names of all those who submitted guesses will be listed. For more information, contact *The Holyoke Sun* at 413-283-8398.



Last week’s “Hidden in Holyoke” was the Prisoners of War Memorial at Westfield Road and Roosevelt Avenue. It was correctly guessed by Don Diller and Alice and Dexter Gess, Fred Wanat and Jay and Millie Whelihan.



# Schools honor 6 teachers for excellence

Six teachers from Holyoke schools have been named Pioneer Valley Excellence in Teaching awardees for 2019-20.

These awards, given by the Irene E. and George A. Davis Foundation, Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Co., and Harold Grinspoon Charitable Foundation, were announced last month. Family members and district administrators surprised the teachers on Feb. 11 with balloons and flowers.

This year's Pioneer Valley Excellence in Teaching Award winners include Kayleigh Berger of Holyoke High School, Dean Campus; Tammy Cato of White School; Casey Doremus of Lawrence School; Thomasina Hall of Veritas Prep; Samantha Morin of Morgan School; and Tania Tapia of Holyoke High School, North Campus.

In nominating her, a colleague said Berger "has the biggest heart at HHS and she uses it to connect with her students, her colleagues, and our families. She is a fountain of positive reinforcement and encouragement, and is laser-focused on the importance of emotion in learning. ... The most powerful combination of heart and mind I have witnessed in my 31 years of teaching and leading in schools."

Cato, a grade 5 English-language arts teacher, was hailed as "consistently provid[ing] her students with learning

opportunities that stretch their thinking and allow them to productively struggle." She has held several positions in education, but her love of teaching prompted her to return to the classroom to end her career.

Doremus, a grade 3 teacher, was cited for her leadership even though this is just her third year. She "understands, engages and models the work outlined in the Lawrence School Improvement Plan for her colleagues. ... She exemplifies excellence, seeks feedback, and is eager to implement best practices."

Hall was called "an exceptional math and science teacher and [a] transformational teacher leader" who "has played a key role in writing [Veritas Prep's] science curriculum, provides critical feedback on school systems and has the highest standards for the performance of the school."

Morin, a former student teacher and paraeducator at Morgan School, now a grade 1 teacher, was lauded for her advocacy of the PBIS (positive behavior) program at the school and building relationships both with students and families, and within the faculty: "This year she has also offered Jazzercise classes and self-care tips on a daily basis to the entire staff. ... She has emerged as a teacher leader this year through the various offerings around self-care and supporting a building-wide initiative."

Tapia, a special education teacher at HHS, "lives the credo of a culturally responsible teacher," according to her nominator. "Her students know in their bones that they are loved and supported, just as much as they are accountable in her classroom." She has worked on designing the freshman seminar course, launching new academic intervention courses and acting as a peer consultant on her grade level team.

**Award criteria**

The award is distributed annually to honor Western Massachusetts educators for their dedication and excellence. Winners are nominated by their colleagues based upon their teaching practices, subject mastery and scholarship, effectiveness and creativity, impact on students, support of and positive impact upon other teachers' practice, participation in professional development, and evidence of going above and beyond the classroom and school community.

Awardees receive a cash prize, an engraved plaque, membership for a limited time at a local YMCA and the Springfield Jewish Community Center, one-year membership to WGBY, tuition grants to take graduate courses at several colleges and universities, as well as other gifts. They will also be honored at a banquet with awardees from other districts at The Log Cabin Restaurant.

# Several St. Patrick events are still on

Though the parade and road race have been canceled, the Holyoke St. Patrick's Committee said on Wednesday that it still plans to hold other "parade week" celebrations as planned. Some of the events require the purchase of a ticket, and may be sold out.

- Marshal Mania fundraiser concert at 6:30 p.m. Friday, March 13, at The Warehouse?, 109 Lyman St.
- Greater Holyoke Chamber of Commerce St. Patrick's Day Breakfast at 7:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 18, at the Log Cabin, 500 Easthampton Road.
- Holyoke colleens shamrock painting at 9 a.m. Wednesday, March 18, outside City Hall on High Street.
- Past president's raffle drawing, 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 18, at The Warehouse?, 109 Lyman St.
- JFK Memorial wreath-laying, 4:30 p.m. Saturday, March 21, at Appleton and Sycamore streets.
- Bishop's Mass, 5 p.m. Saturday, March 21, at St. Jerome's Church, 169 Hampden St.
- JFK Award Reception, 6 p.m. Saturday, March 21, at the Log Cabin, 500 Easthampton Road.
- Ambassador's Breakfast, 8 a.m. Sunday, March 22, at the Holyoke Senior Center, 291 Pine St.

For news on further cancelations, visit [holyokestpatricksparade.com](http://holyokestpatricksparade.com).

## HCC, from page 1

The \$7.5 million includes \$5 million outright and a \$2.5 million matching gift that will go toward future renovations of HCC's main science facility, the Marieb Building, as part of a multiphase plan to expand the recently opened Center for Life Sciences to encompass the entire, three-story structure.

"This gift is a testimony to the importance of community colleges in the lives of their students," said Carlos Santiago, commissioner of the state Department of Higher Education. "Under President Royal's leadership, HCC is to be congratulated for raising the bar for community college philanthropy that will benefit all of our public institutions."

Marieb died in December 2018. During her lifetime, she was the college's biggest benefactor, donating more than \$1.5 million to HCC in large and small amounts, including a \$1 million gift in 2014 to support construction of HCC's Center for Health Education & Simulation and the Center for Life Sciences.

Until then, HCC had received only one other gift of that magnitude, a \$1 million donation from alumnus and Yankee Candle Company founder Michael Kittredge in 2003 to establish the Kittredge Center for Business and Workforce Development.

Last year, the Marieb Foundation made a \$1 million legacy gift to the college that Marieb had set up as part of her estate plan, money targeted for HCC programs that benefit nontraditional-age students, particularly women.

The Center for Life Sciences opened in 2018 on the first floor of the Marieb Building, featuring state-of-the-art microbiology and biotechnology labs as well as an ISO-certified instructional cleanroom.

"This is thrilling," said Royal. "We are honored and incredibly grateful for the Marieb Foundation's generous and unprecedented gift. This will support HCC's continued investment in high-demand, high-wage fields in STEM and healthcare and help us provide generations of students with the academic space and experience they need and deserve.



Professor Emily Rabinsky, seated, leads a biotechnology lab in the Holyoke Community College Center for Life Sciences, which will benefit from a \$7.5 million donation from the Elaine Nicpon Marieb Foundation. Submitted photo

The Marieb Building represents the heart of her life's work, since HCC is where her career began."

According to a database maintained by the Chronicle of Philanthropy, the \$7.5 million gift to HCC is the single largest private donation ever made to a community college in Massachusetts. The largest previous gift was a \$5 million donation to Cape Cod Community College in January 2019.

"Dr. Marieb's belief in HCC was extraordinary," said Amanda Sbriscia, HCC's vice president of institutional advancement and executive director of the college's nonprofit fundraising corporation, the HCC Foundation. "Private and individual philanthropy to our community colleges sends a powerful message about the exceptional quality of education our students receive, because these gifts come most often from the alumni and friends who have experienced those classrooms first hand."

The \$7.5 million Marieb donation follows the two-year, \$43.5 million renovation and expansion of the Campus Center.

"While we are here today to celebrate the grand opening of this new space and what it means for our students today, we know that the higher education landscape requires us to look ahead, so

we're already preparing for tomorrow with our next building project," Royal said at the Feb. 28 event.

A native of Northampton, Marieb started working at HCC in 1969 as a professor of biology after earning a bachelor's degree from Westfield State College, a master's degree from Mount Holyoke College, and a Ph.D. in zoology from the University of Massachusetts.

She started writing textbooks on anatomy and physiology to address complaints from her nursing students that the materials then available were ineffective. To inform her writing, she enrolled in HCC's nursing program, graduating with an associate's degree in 1980. She retired in 1993 to devote herself full-time to writing, becoming the author or co-author of more than 10 best-selling textbooks and laboratory manuals on anatomy and physiology.

Former HCC president David Bartley used to introduce her as "the Stephen King of A&P"

In 2016, Marieb ranked seventh on Time Magazine's list of the "100 Most Read Female Writers in College Classes," just behind Mary Shelley at number 6 and beating out the likes of George Eliot, Alice Walker, Charlotte Bronte and many other famous authors.

# Kids' crafts at Merry-Go-Round this Saturday

The Holyoke Merry-Go-Round will offer children's crafts this Saturday, as well as April 5.

Riders will receive a free craft project with the purchase of a ticket from noon to 3 p.m. this Saturday, March 14. The merry-go-round is in Holyoke Heritage State Park at 221 Appleton St., Holyoke. Free Easter crafts will be available with the purchase of a ticket noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, April 5.

Later in April, the merry-go-round will be open noon to 4 p.m. Friday, April 10, and starting at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 11, for the city's annual Easter egg hunt. The Easter Bunny will be on hand 12:15-3 p.m.

The attraction's usual springtime hours are noon to 4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. The merry-go-round will also be open noon to 4 p.m. daily during school vacation, April 19-24. It will be closed Sunday, March 22.

## ELECTION, from page 4

each precinct polling place, just as they are for absentee ballots.

It's clear that state officials think early voting is a good thing, and turnout figures show that many voters do, too. Early voting and vote-by-mail were already becoming standard features in states across the nation — not because we fear catching an illness at the polls, but because they're so convenient for busy voters.

Massachusetts already has the procedures in place to extend a form of voting convenience to every election, at a relatively low cost. It's a good prescription regardless of what's ailing us this season.

*What do you think? Send your letter to the editor to [thesun@turley.com](mailto:thesun@turley.com).*





## ONGOING

**ALL SAINTS LENTEN LUNCHESES** at All Saints Church, 7 Woodbridge St., South Hadley. Homemade soups, sandwiches, lobster rolls and desserts will be served every Friday, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., during Lent (ending April 3). Proceeds benefit local nonprofit organizations.

**ST. PATRICK'S LENTEN LUNCHESES** at the St. Patrick's Church Social Center, 30 Main St., South Hadley. Lunches will be held each Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., through April 3. For a menu or to place a take-out order, call 413-427-4823. Proceeds benefit local nonprofit organizations.

**MR. PICKLE AND FRIENDS STORY HOUR** at 10 a.m. every second and fourth Tuesday of the month at the Holyoke Public Library, 250 Chestnut St., Holyoke. "Mr. Pickle" (Holyoke resident Danielle Pikul) and other drag performers read books and lead dress-up, singing, dancing and other family-friendly fun. Free. For information or to register, call 413-420-8105.

**OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS**, a 12-step, non-profit organization, meets Tuesdays at 5:15 p.m. at First Baptist Church, 605 South St., Holyoke. Enter the door off the driveway. More info: 413-783-4198 or [www.oawmass.org](http://www.oawmass.org).

**POKEMON FAN CLUB** meets at the Holyoke Public Library, 250 Chestnut St., every Tuesday from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Teen Room. The club plays Pokemon cards, games and Pokemon Go, as well as other card games like Yu-Gi-Oh and Magic: The Gathering; tournaments for prizes, trading, drawing Pokemon art, and snacks. More info and registration: 413-420-8101.

**RSVP SEEKS VOLUNTEERS** for nonprofit organizations in Hampshire, Franklin and Hampden counties. Adults 55 and older who want to share skills and experience in their spare time can contact RSVP for a great volunteer position, some travel and insurance benefits, and personal matching. Contact Patricia Sicard at [psicard@hcg-ma.org](mailto:psicard@hcg-ma.org) or 413-387-4558, ext. 1.

## Friday, March 13

**MARSHAL MANIA CONCERT** at the Wherehouse?, 109 Lyman St., Holyoke, 8 p.m. (doors open 6:30). The Sighs will headline this fundraiser for the Holyoke St. Patrick's Day Parade, with Holyoke's own Ed Jackowski as the opening act. Tickets are \$20 per person at [JeffWalsh127@gmail.com](mailto:JeffWalsh127@gmail.com) or 413-530-3944, or [marshalmania2020.brownpapertickets.com](http://marshalmania2020.brownpapertickets.com).

**JAZZ FESTIVAL** at Holyoke Community College, 303 Homestead Ave., Holyoke, 8 p.m. Ron Blake will play with the Amherst Jazz Orchestra in the Leslie Phillips Theater to open the festival, which continues on Saturday. Tickets to the Friday concert are \$15, or \$10 for seniors and non-HCC students, and \$7 for HCC students, faculty and staff.

## Saturday, March 14

**JAZZ FESTIVAL** at Holyoke Community College, 303 Homestead Ave., Holyoke, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Free admission to performances in the Leslie Phillips Theater by big band and jazz groups from HCC and local high schools, and a concluding concert 4-5 p.m. by Ron Blake with a select combo of students. Continued from Friday.

**SATURDAY MORNING MUSIC PARTY AND PANCAKE BREAKFAST** at Flywheel Arts Collective, Old Town Hall, 43 Main St., Easthampton, 10 a.m. to noon. Hilltown Families and Flywheel host this event with food, dancing (music by DJ Youthelectronix) and diversions for kids. The suggested donation is \$6 per person to benefit Flywheel.

**"LEPRECHAUN" BOOK SIGNING** at Barnes & Noble, 7 Holyoke St., Holyoke, 1 p.m. City native and local educator Patrick Shanahan will sign copies of his new book "P.J. the Leprechaun," an illustrated book about the life of Saint Patrick.

**IRISH NIGHT** fundraiser at the Knights of Columbus, 460 Granby Road, Chicopee, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Performance by Desmond Burke & Friends. Tickets \$45 per person and include a chance at a drawing for a trip to Ireland (need not be present to win). More info: Jacki Reardon, 413-536-7732 (leave a message) or [JR080645@comcast.net](mailto:JR080645@comcast.net).

**ST. PATRICK'S IRISH SUPPER** at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 34 Jarvis Ave., Holyoke, 6 p.m. Corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, carrots, Irish soda bread, beverages and dessert will be served. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$8 for children ages 6-12, free for ages 5 and under. More info: 413-536-3369.

**PETER PAN** silent film screening at United Congregational Church, 300 Appleton St., Holyoke, 7 p.m. Acclaimed organist Peter Krasinski will accompany the silent film, as part of the Experience Music at United series of performances. Admission is a suggested donation of \$10, or \$5 for students and seniors. More info: [www.uccholyoke.org](http://www.uccholyoke.org) and [krasinski.org](http://krasinski.org).

## Wednesday, March 18

**PAST PRESIDENT'S RAFFLE DRAWING** at The Wherehouse?, 109 Lyman St., Holyoke, 5:30 p.m. The winner of the St. Patrick Committee's \$100 raffle will be announced. Music by Adam Braunschweig and New Leaf. Cash bar with appetizers.

## Thursday, March 19

**NEW ENGLAND LEGENDS** at the Holyoke Public Library, 250 Chestnut St., Holyoke, 6:30 p.m. Storyteller Jeff Belanger will give a multimedia presentation on folklore, legends and paranormal occurrences in New England. Belanger is the author of "Haunted New England," "Weird Massachusetts," and other

## Chorale concert postponed until fall

**SOUTH HADLEY** — The South Hadley Chorale concert scheduled for Sunday, March 15, has been postponed, the group's publicity chairman said this week.

The concert at Abbey Memorial Chapel at Mount Holyoke College, featuring Leonard Bernstein's "Chichester Psalms" and the Michael E. Smith Middle School Opus Singers, will be rescheduled for a date in the fall.

## Pi Day learning expo canceled

Holyoke schools have canceled the family learning expo originally planned for Saturday, March 14, at Holyoke High School, "following the safety recommendations of local and state agencies on Covid-19," according to a school press release. "The safety of our attendees and staff always comes first."

School officials hope to reschedule the event for a future date.

books, and hosts the New England Legends weekly podcast. Free. Register at 413-420-8101.

## Tuesday, April 1

**POETRY BOOK LAUNCH** at Wyckoff Country Club, 233 Easthampton Road, Holyoke, 6-9 p.m. Poet Christine Brooks will sign copies of her new collection, "The Cigar Box Poems." Burger Night dinner is available for \$7.95.

## Saturday, April 4

**PVPA'S GOT TALENT** at Pioneer Valley Performing Arts Charter Public School, 15 Mulligan Drive, South Hadley, 7 p.m. PVPA students, alumni, faculty and families will perform for a panel of judges in this fundraiser for the school. Tickets are \$15, or \$10 for students, alumni, seniors and veterans. More info: 413-552-1580, ext. 502, or [cfournier@pvpa.org](mailto:cfournier@pvpa.org).

## Tuesday, April 14

**WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT CANNABIS** at Storrowton Carriage House, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield, 10 a.m. to noon. Speakers from Insa in Easthampton will discuss medical and recreational marijuana, what CBD is, why people use cannabis and how it can be ingested and smoked, as well as the benefits and risks. Part of the Glenmeadow Spring Learning Series.



**V**olunteers are the backbone of many communities, and often they humbly stay under the radar. We're looking to highlight these individuals and the work they do in a feature called Citizen Spotlight. Nominate yourself or others for *The Sun* to profile. Contact us at [TheSun@turley.com](mailto:TheSun@turley.com) with the name and contact information of someone who works to make a positive impact on the City of Holyoke. Or, give us a call with your suggestions at 413-283-8393.

## The Sun OBITUARY POLICY

Turley Publications offers two types of obituaries.

One is a free, brief **Death Notice** listing the name of deceased, date of death and funeral date and place.

The other is a **Paid Obituary**, costing \$120, which allows families to publish extended death notice information of their own choice and may include a photograph. **Death Notices & Paid Obituaries** should be submitted through a funeral home to: [obits@turley.com](mailto:obits@turley.com).

*Exceptions will be made only when the family provides a death certificate and must be pre-paid.*

## Sign up now for lifeguard skill classes

The Holyoke Parks and Recreation Department is holding American Red Cross Lifeguard certification and recertification classes next month.

Both classes will be held April 26 and May 10, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Boys and Girls Club, 70 Nick Cosmos Way, Holyoke.

The certification class is for participants at least 16 years old. They must pass a pre-skills test at the start of the class. The course includes training on CPR and first aid. The cost is \$150 for Holyoke residents, \$225 for non-residents.

The recertification class is for those who already hold a lifeguard certification. It will update skills and extend the certification for another two years. The cost is \$100 for Holyoke residents, \$200 for non-residents.

Participants must register and be paid in full before attending the class. To register, visit the Parks and Recreation Department office in the basement of City Hall, 536 Dwight St., Holyoke. For more information, call 413-322-5620. Early registrations are encouraged, as space is limited.

The Holyoke Police Department recorded the following arrests March 2-8. No arrests in the public log have been omitted. All suspects are innocent until proven guilty.

Monday, March 2

Kristian Morales, 21, of 37 Vernon St., Holyoke, was arrested at 4:36 p.m. on Appleton Street and charged with driving with a suspended license and operation of an ATV on city streets.

A 17-year-old was arrested at 5:15 p.m. on Walnut Street on a warrant.

Omar Concepcion, 19, of 12 Leary Ave., Apt. 1, Chicopee, was arrested at 5:23 p.m. on Walnut Street and charged with disorderly conduct.

Tuesday, March 3

Ernie Muriel-Pastrana, 40, of 164 Sargeant St., Apt. 4B, Holyoke, was arrested at 1:42 a.m. on Walnut Street on three warrants.

Josue Sanchez-Colon, 24, of 110 Elmer Drive, Chicopee, was arrested at 6:04 a.m. on Maple Street and charged with possession of a class A drug, possession of a class B drug, and driving without a license.

Anda Anthonio Torres, 37, of 912 Hawley St., Northampton, was arrested at 11:26 a.m. on Lincoln Street and charged with shoplifting.

Jennifer Boyle, 42, of 112 Nonotuck St., 1st Floor, Holyoke, was arrested at 11:42 a.m. on School Street and charged with possession of a class B drug and conspiracy to violate drug law.

Timothy Wager, 56, of 12 W. Lake St., Apt. A, Easthampton, was arrested at 11:42 a.m. on School Street and charged with possession of a class B drug and conspiracy to violate drug law.

Mark A. Delgado, 25, of 47 Stonina Drive, Chicopee, was arrested at 1:30 p.m. on Lincoln Street and charged with possession of a class A drug and shoplifting.

Zervio Peralta, 21, of 9 Allyn St., Holyoke, was arrested at 7:21 p.m. at police headquarters on a warrant.

Wednesday, March 4

Carlos A. Ynoa, 50, of 99 N. East St., Holyoke, was arrested at 2:25 a.m. on Cabot Street and charged with driving under the influence of liquor and failing to stop or yield.

Luis Ramon Ocasio, 36, of 133 Sargeant St., Apt. 1L, Holyoke, was arrested at 1:06 p.m. on Sargeant Street and charged with driving with a revoked license, driving without a registration and driving without insurance.

A 17-year-old was arrested at 1:11 p.m. on Beech Street and charged with driving without a license.

Hector Ramos, 45, of 180 Oakland St., 2nd Floor, Springfield, was arrested at 3:42 p.m. at the Holyoke Mall and charged with shoplifting.

Victoria Feliciano, 27, of 210 Walnut St., Apt. 3A, Holyoke, was arrested at 4:13 p.m. on Maple Street on two warrants.

Thursday, March 5

Miguel Poggi, 36, of no known address, was arrested at 11:05 a.m. on Oak Street and charged with possession of a class A drug.

Julio A. Ramos, 54, of 200 Oak St., Apt. 4R, Holyoke, was arrested at 11:05 a.m. on Oak Street and charged with possession of a class A drug, possession of a class A drug with intent to distribute, possession of a class B drug, possession of a class B drug with intent to distribute, trafficking in cocaine, carrying a loaded firearm, possession of a firearm without a license, possession of ammunition without a license, possession of a firearm in a felony, and improperly storing a firearm.

Aneyshka M. Rivera-Ortero, 18, of 39 Gerard Way, Apt. K, Holyoke, was arrested at 4:38 p.m. at the Holyoke Mall and charged with shoplifting.

Friday, March 6

Julissa Esther Valerio, 20, of 439 Tokeneke Road, Holyoke, was arrested at 11:07 a.m. on Newton Street on two warrants.

Miguel A. Santana Rodriguez, 46, of 21 Brown Ave., Apt. 2, Holyoke, was arrested at 4:28 p.m. on Lincoln Street and charged with shoplifting.

Saturday, March 7

Juan Claudio, 52, of 1245 Dwight St., 3rd Floor, Holyoke, was arrested at 12:44 a.m. on Cabot Street on two warrants, and also charged with driving with a revoked license and a vehicle equipment violation.

Christian Ivan Cabrera, 28, of 151 West St., Apt. 301, Holyoke, was arrested at 2:42 a.m. on Dwight Street on a warrant.

James Verdier, 48, of 321 Sargeant St., Apt. 3R, Holyoke, was arrested at 12:33 p.m. on Hampden Street and charged with driving with a suspended license and driving without an inspection sticker.

Jennyliz Vega, 36, of 417 S. Elm St., Holyoke, was arrested at 9:35 p.m. on Beech Street on four warrants, and also charged with shoplifting and being a fugitive from justice.

Sunday, March 8

Rachel Montero-Vasquez, 30, of 46 Bristol St., Springfield, was arrested at 3:56 p.m. at the Holyoke Mall on a warrant, and also charged with possession of a class A drug, shoplifting, receiving stolen property under \$1,200, and unlawful possession of a theft-detection device deactivator or remover.

Brenda Joyce Cote, 26, of 14 Moores Road, Florida, Mass., was arrested at 4:51 p.m. on Northampton Street and charged with possession of a class A drug.

Jeremy Jacob Vigiard, 25, of 31 Bellevue Ave., Adams, was arrested at 4:51 p.m. on Northampton Street and charged with possession of a class A drug.

Johanna Montalvo-Saez, 47, of 6A Randolph Place, Northampton, was arrested at 7:58 p.m. on a warrant.

Public Notices

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Hampden Probate and Family Court  
50 State Street  
Springfield, MA 01103  
(413)748-7758  
Docket No. HD20P0477EA  
Estate of:  
Edward John Hanna  
Date of Death: 01/09/2020  
CITATION ON PETITION  
FOR FORMAL  
ADJUDICATION**  
To all interested persons:  
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Martha A Berrouard** of Holyoke MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Martha A Berrouard** of Holyoke MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in an **unsupervised** administration.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 04/03/2020.**

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if

you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

**UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)**

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: March 06, 2020  
**Suzanne T. Seguin**  
Register of Probate  
3/13/2020

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Hampden Probate and Family Court  
50 State Street  
Springfield, MA 01103  
(413)748-7758  
Docket No. HD20C0072CA  
In the matter of:  
Mercedes Garza-Sanchez  
CITATION ON PETITION TO**

**CHANGE NAME**  
A **Petition to Change Name of Adult** has been filed by **Mercedes Garza-Sanchez of Holyoke MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:

**Mercedes Garza**  
**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: **Hampden Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 03/30/2020.**

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: March 02, 2020  
**Suzanne T. Seguin**  
Register of Probate  
3/13/2020

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Hampden Probate and Family Court  
50 State Street  
Springfield, MA 01103  
(413)748-7758  
Docket No. HD20A0019AD  
CITATION  
G.L. c. 210, § 6  
In the matter of:  
Gabriella Jolie Santos  
To  
any unnamed or unknown parent and persons interested in a petition for the adoption of said child and to the**

Department of Children and Families of said Commonwealth.

A petition has been presented to said court by:

**Cindy Romero of Holyoke, MA  
Richard Romero, Jr. of Holyoke, MA**

requesting for leave to adopt said child and that the name of the child be changed to

**Gabriella Jolie Romero**  
**If you object to this adoption you are entitled to the appointment of an attorney if you are an indigent person.**

An indigent person is defined by SJC Rule 3:10. The definition includes but is not limited to persons receiving TAFDC, EACDC, poverty related veteran's benefits, Medicaid, and SSI. The Court will determine if you are indigent. Contact an Assistant Judicial Case Manager or Adoption Clerk of the Court on or before the date listed below to obtain the necessary forms.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT: **Springfield** on or before ten o'clock in the morning (10:00 a.m.) on: **03/31/2020.**

WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: February 26, 2020  
**Suzanne T. Seguin.**  
Register of Probate  
3/13/2020

**LEGAL NOTICE  
CITY OF HOLYOKE  
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# Listener, leader sought for supt.

Holyoke residents and faculty want their next superintendent to have direct experience in urban public schools and be knowledgeable about social-emotional learning and cultural diversity, according to results of surveys and focus groups conducted by Great Schools Partnership and the state Department of Elementary and Secondary Education last month.

Great Schools and DESE are in the process of recruiting a new state receiver to lead Holyoke's public schools after Receiver-Superintendent Stephen Zrike steps down at the end of June. Authority for hiring a receiver rests entirely with DESE, with no role for the local School Committee or city residents other than the focus groups and surveys last month.

The outreach included surveys of educators, students, and community members, as well as a series of focus groups and public forums with nine different stakeholder groups. Surveys were available electronically and in paper form in designated locations. The student and community member surveys were available in both English and Spanish.

The data collection team received over a thousand responses to the surveys, including 153 responses from Holyoke public school faculty and staff, 898 from students, and 84 from community members. Approximately 280 individuals — including teachers, students, parents, community members, School Committee members, and central office staff — participated in focus groups and community forums.

Surveys found that faculty and community members, in particular, are looking for a leader who will listen to them and make decisions based on "input from multiple perspectives." Making others feel appreciated and heard was a priority for 93 percent of faculty surveyed, and 94 percent of community members.

More than 70 percent, in all stakeholder groups, said it is important that the next receiver seek input from students in making decisions on how to improve their experience with the schools.

Nine out of 10 faculty and community respondents said it's important that the new receiver have a clear vision for the district, and be able to communicate the plan clearly.

Several participants in focus groups said it's important that the next receiver develop a clear plan for ending receivership and returning Holyoke schools to local control.

Another consistent theme was hiring a receiver who is committed to understanding and learning about Holyoke. Though many stopped short of asking that the receiver live in Holyoke, a majority of respondents — 70 percent of faculty, staff and community members, 55 percent of students — wanted someone who has an existing personal connection to Holyoke.

Several respondents also said it would be ideal to hire a person of color, someone who "looks like the students of Holyoke."

Individuals also said they wanted the new receiver to build on Zrike's successes, rather than coming in with an entirely different approach. Some of the initiatives they want to see continued include the Student Equity Group, high school academies, middle school engagement programs and dual language support.

Other attributes or skills that survey and forum participants would like to see in the next receiver-superintendent are:

- A career committed to traditional public schools, as opposed to charter schools.
- Experience with English language learners.
- Knowledge about diverse learning styles, needs, interests and language.
- Willingness to invest time in getting to know and building relationships with teachers, and working to retain veteran teachers.
- Plans to grow, develop and diversify the teacher workforce.
- Focus on community building efforts across Holyoke's diverse cultures.
- Commitment to transparency in decisionmaking, including holding open meetings and being accessible to community members.
- An outgoing personality and sense of humor.
- Fluency in Spanish, and understanding of Latino culture.

The results of the surveys, focus groups and public forums will be shared with DESE Commissioner Jeff Riley and members of the hiring committee, for consideration as they select the next school leader for Holyoke.



Josh Abrams was one of the Holyoke YMCA's Distinguished Service Awardees.



David Bys spoke about how the YMCA helped him gain sobriety and turn his life around.



Paul Hyry-Dermith was given a Distinguished Service Award by the Greater Holyoke YMCA.



Barbara Baran received the Louis F. Oldershaw Community Service Award.

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YMCA Distinguished Service Award for volunteer service, given to members who have made significant contributions to the overall YMCA. Two people received this award, Josh Abrams and Paul Hyry-Dermith. Both have been instrumental members and volunteers to the YMCA and both serve on Y committees. Hyry-Dermith is currently chairman of the YMCA Membership and Program Committee, and Abrams is serving on the YMCA's Property Committee and was instrumental in creating the new preschool space at the YMCA.

"I guess I've been helpful in the redesign for the preschool center. We took the old rehab center, and designed it for the preschool space," Abrams said. "I did the design work and I oversaw the construction of it, which is something I do in my everyday life."

Along with helping redesign the preschool, Abrams is a member of the YMCA and visits the pool in the morning to get reacquainted with swimming after a two-year hiatus.

"I've been so impressed with the quality of the people on the board and how dedicated they are to this organization and I'm also incredibly impressed with the staff."

Hyry-Dermith has been a volunteer at the YMCA for 10 years, and for most of that time he's been the chairman of the Program and Membership Committee, and has also been the second vice president, first vice president, president, and now past president of the board. He's been involved with a lot of the developmental work for the YMCA, including helping with educational after-school programs and helping to diversify leadership within the program.

"When I'm not here, I'm a part of a team where we help schools develop programs for kids with serious mental health challenges," Hyry-Dermith said. "This is where my wife and I are every Tuesday and Thursday morning for boot camp, so we exercise here and we're always here, it's a really great organization and a great community."

As a nonprofit organization, the YMCA depends upon donations to keep its programs accessible to everyone.

"The funding we receive helps with the cost of memberships for families that need a little help," said CEO Kathy Viens. "We don't ever want people to

feel left out or to say, 'I can't go, I

can't afford it.' We want to be inclusive."

David Bys, one of the speakers at the event, said that welcoming policy turned his life around. Bys was a heroin addict for 15 years before seeking help at the YMCA in 2009. He entered the methadone program and made an effort to stay sober despite being homeless.

"I begged them to give me an opportunity to start working out again," he said. "Without working out, I'm never going to be able to stay sober, I would go to all the AA meetings I want to, but that alone won't help me to stay sober. I worked out my whole life."

He continued: "They gave me an opportunity. She — Child Care Director Cheryl Labrie — charged me \$11 a month when I first got here. I was very open and honest with her and told her what was going on with me, and she was kind enough to give me a chance."

Bys said the YMCA helped him shed his unhealthy weight and gain muscle and stay healthy, but also introduced him to valuable friends and connections.

The other speakers of the night included three young swimmers who take advantage of the YMCA's swimming pool. The daughter of Aquatics Director Kerry Cordis, Olivia Cordis, spoke along with sisters Emmalyn and Briella Humber. All three girls swim at the YMCA and are part of the Holyoke Vikings team.

"We'll be talking about why we like the Y, that we like the way it runs, what we learned with swimming, and how we want to come here more and more," Emmalyn Humber said.

The Humber sisters are at the YMCA three to four days a week and Cordis is able to attend almost every day, thanks to her mother's involvement.

Each speaker and awardee spoke highly of the board, staff, and the YMCA organization as a whole. The event gathered quite a crowd, including Mayor Alex Morse.

"This is always a great event, I try to make it every year and honor folks who have given back to the YMCA and have also given back to the community," Morse said. "I'm a member of the Y and I grew up coming here. The Y has always been a critical institution in the city that has impacted many lives. I think what makes it unique is that they do their best to make it accessible to all backgrounds and to people who wouldn't otherwise be able to come."

The YMCA is located at 171 Pine St. in Holyoke. For more information, visit [holyokeymca.org](http://holyokeymca.org).

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## Holyoke girls fall in tournament semifinals



Abby Glasheen makes her way down the sideline.

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Taryn Ryan tries to slide the ball to a teammate.



Ashley Vazquez goes for the layup.



Yamaya Perez fakes and gets ready to pass.



Bianca Ortiz makes a backwards layup.

The Holyoke High School girls basketball was defeated in the semifinals of the Western Massachusetts Division 1 tournament last Monday evening against Central 64-41. The game was held at Western New England University. Holyoke had a couple of good offensive runs, but Central was really keyed by a big run in the first quarter, creating a lot of turnovers and converting on the extra opportunities. Destiny Calderon finished with 11 points to lead the Knights. Ashley Vazquez was next with eight points.

## State tournament going on as scheduled, Road Race cancelled

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While the coronavirus has set forth a lot of panic over events that include large gatherings of people in major cities, it has started to affect the sports world here in Western Massachusetts.

Local schools and college have begun considering whether or not sporting events should be held, and some schools have even taken action.

At nearby Amherst College, students are not reporting back to campus following spring break next week,

and spring sports have been cancelled at the school.

Smith College is also not bringing students back next week, and their sports could also be in jeopardy. Several other area schools are currently discussing the situation, including Westfield State University.

These discussions intensified after Gov. Charlie Baker announced more cases of the virus had been reported and declared a "State of Emergency" due to the coronavirus.

In the college and professional sports world, there have

been discussions about having "empty-arena" or empty-park" matches and games, games that would occur without any fans allowed. The NBA is also not allowing the media into locker rooms.

Locally, the most major impact occurred on Tuesday afternoon when Holyoke Mayor Alex Morse announced the cancellation of the St. Patrick's Day Parade, and with it, the popular St. Patrick's Road Race, which was set to kick off on Saturday, March 21.

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The racers are off in the 2019 St. Patrick's Road Race last year. The event has been cancelled due to coronavirus concerns.

File photos

## Smith-Antuna, Calderon named to Senior All-Star Game

The Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame announced today the team rosters for the 2020 Western Massachusetts Senior High School All-Star Games. The 2020 All-Star event will be held on Thursday, March 19 on the Jerry Colangelo Court of Dreams at the Hall of Fame. A total of 61 players were selected from different divisions within the region to participate in three games that will showcase the top seniors in their final high school contest.

"The Western Mass All-Star game is an annual tradition of great pride for the Basketball Hall of Fame. Located in the Birthplace of Basketball, we are pleased to recognize dozens of talented players who have excelled throughout their high school careers in Western Mass," said John L. Doleva, President and CEO of the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame. "We invite the local community to come out and

support these outstanding student-athletes."

This year, Holyoke will be represented by Destiny Calderon in the girls game and Jovaughn Smith-Antuna in the boys Division 1 and 2 game.

A committee made up of local coaches and media members that represent each division on the boys and girls side selected the teams. The players will be divided into six teams: two girls teams, two boys teams of Division III and IV players and two boys teams of Division I and II players. Only graduating seniors are eligible for the All-Star Games. Rosters can be found in the attached release.

For the 10th year, the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame will recognize one boy and one girl as the Western Massachusetts Players of the Year. A special presentation will be made to the recipients during halftime. A panel of local media members selects the award winners,

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# Webb tournament set to take place in March

CHICOPEE — This year marks the 35th year Kevin Vann has enjoyed coaching youth basketball—and for 16 of those years, he has provided young people in Greater Springfield and Northern Connecticut with the chance to play in a competitive tournament.

As the founder of the George Webb Memorial Basketball Tournament, which supports the Boys & Girls Club of Chicopee, Vann was proud to announce this year to sponsors and participants that the event topped the \$200,000 fundraising mark in 2019.

“Thank you for standing with me over the past 16 years, supporting the kids of the club,” he said. “I have a deep passion for basketball, yet my 35 years of coaching pales in comparison to the 108 years that the Boys & Girls Club of Chicopee has been there every day for the now 358 boys and girls of this city. They are children who desperately need encouragement, companionship, challenge and opportunity to help them grow into responsible and respected human beings.”

The largest basketball tournament

of its kind, the 15-day event tips off on March 13 at the club, ending on March 28. Each year, the tourney draws hundreds of spectators to watch more than 40 teams of boys and girls play.

Vann founded the George Webb Memorial Basketball Tournament in 2005 to honor his late friend, George Webb, who died of cancer at age 52 in 2004. A basketball player who shot hoops at the club on Tuesday evenings, Webb rarely lost a game, and, Vann said, “When he did, he showed true sportsmanship to whoever he was playing against.”

Vann and his business, The Vann Group of Springfield, a professional services outsourcing company, have sponsored the tournament since its start. And it has been held at the club it supports since the beginning as well.

“The George Webb Basketball Tournament embodies the values of the Boys & Girls Club of Chicopee,” Vann said. “It’s an even competition for teams of boys and girls aged 8 to 13 who have varying abilities as ball players.”

For the second year in a row, Daishany Miller of Chicopee was named the club’s Youth of the Year. To achieve the title of Youth of the Year, a club member must embody the values of leadership and service, academic excellence, and healthy lifestyles. The Youth of the Year serves as a role model for other young people in the club and as a representative to the community.

Drawn to investigate the club in 2014, Miller, 19, soon adopted it as a second home and learned how to thrive as a leader. “It takes strength to fit in and courage to stand out,” Miller said. “The club is there for me and encourages me to take the steps I need to strive to be a better version of myself.”

Vann said the tournament has allowed thousands of young people to experience the safe haven that is the Boys & Girls Club of Chicopee, play a sport and develop values that will last them a lifetime.

The club has a mission to fill the gap between school and home. According to a national organization called the Afterschool Alliance, every

day, 362,312 children in Massachusetts leave school with nowhere to go with an adult present.

The club offers activities, resources, supportive relationships with peers and adults and programs that can be life-changing, and it served 1,802 young people last year; 358 were members, and the other 1,444 were served through community outreach programs.

The Boys & Girls Club of Chicopee has two locations in town and is staffed by 30 adults and 50 volunteers.

Seventy-one percent of those who are nurtured at the club are 12 and younger; the others are teenagers. Of the total served, 69 percent are in minority ethnic groups and 32 percent are in single-parent households.

For more information about the tournament, visit [bgcchicopee.org/george-webb-memorial-basketball-tournament/](http://bgcchicopee.org/george-webb-memorial-basketball-tournament/). For information on sponsorship opportunities, visit [georgewebbtournament.com](http://georgewebbtournament.com) or contact Ruth Griggs at (413) 727-3354 or email her at [ruth@rccomms.com](mailto:ruth@rccomms.com).

# Thunderbirds get much-needed win over Wolf Pack

SPRINGFIELD – The Springfield Thunderbirds (31-27-3-0) outlasted the Hartford Wolf Pack (31-19-6-5) in a spirited Sunday afternoon matinee by a final count of 4-1 inside the MassMutual Center.

At the 6:50 mark of the first, after both teams failed on earlier power play chances, the game devolved into a powder keg when Ryan Haggerty and Darren Raddysh wrestled one another to the ice. Moments later, every other skater on the ice picked a sparring partner in a no-holds-barred brawl. By the time the dust settled, Vinni Lettieri and Mason Geertsen of Hartford were

ejected, and Brady Keeper received a similar punishment for Springfield.

After the lengthy delay to sort out the mess, the T-Birds finally got to the scoreboard first at 12:40 of the first as Joel Lowry located a loose puck outside the blue paint and knocked it past Adam Huska as he was falling. Rodrigo Abols and Chase Priskie picked up the helpers to give Springfield the 1-0 lead, which stood into the intermission.

After he served penalty time from the brawl, Matt Beleskey emerged from the box only to land back in the sin bin for five minutes when he boarded Will

Lohead late in the first period.

Despite having all that man-up time, the T-Birds could not take advantage of the power play, and shortly after killing the duration of the penalty to start the second, Ryan Dmowski got Hartford back even at 3:53 of the middle period off assists from Ty Ronning and Nick Ebert.

On a day when the two teams combined for nine successful penalty kills, the T-Birds finally broke the tie with three final period goals. Priskie scooped up his second point of the night at 6:12 as Daniel Audette found him from the left-wing side after a

turnover by Hartford in its own zone.

With the 2-1 lead in tow into the final minutes, Abols added to the lead at 18:15, as a left-circle shot hit the post, then pinballed in off of Ebert to give Springfield a 3-1 advantage.

Danick Martel, who assisted on the Abols goal, then added one of his own with just 34 seconds remaining, his third goal in two games, to round out the scoring. Philippe Desrosiers was magnificent in the T-Birds net, stopping 34 of 35 to pick up his 16th win.

Springfield and Hartford rematch inside the MassMutual Center on Friday night at 7:05 p.m.

# Valley Wheel Over-30 baseball looking for new players

The Valley Wheel Over-30 Baseball League is seeking new players for the upcoming 2020 season, which is set to begin near the end of April. The league is seeking players ages 28 and up. Players turning 28 this year are eligible. However, only players 30 and older can pitch. The league plays 15 regular season games with games being held mostly on Sundays with a couple of weekday games thrown in the mix as well as a special Mother’s Day Saturday game in early May. The league is built on comradery, fair play, and having a good time with friends. If interested in trying out, go to [www.](http://www.valleywheelbaseball.com)

[valleywheelbaseball.com](http://www.valleywheelbaseball.com). The rules of the league and new player forms can be found on the site. For further information, you can contact the league’s commissioner, Jim Nason at [wheel12@comcast.net](mailto:wheel12@comcast.net) or call him at (413) 433-4308. Tryouts will be taking place in the early weeks of April, weather permitting, with a draft following the tryouts.



# Sign-ups being taken for Quabbin League 2020 season

The Quabbin Valley Over-30 Baseball League is seeking new players for 2020 season. The league has six teams, several with open roster spots. Last year, the league voted to allow players age 28 and 29 to be able to join the league, though players under 30 are not eligible to pitch. The cost of the league this season is \$192. For players new to the

league, there will be a workout held in early April prior to the league’s annual draft. Players will have an opportunity to showcase their skills before being selected to a team for the season.

The season is 15 regular season games plus at least one playoff game. Games are nine innings and metal (BBCOR -3) or wood bats are allowed. Fields locations are throughout Western Mass. For more information on the league, or if you are interested in registering, go to <https://www.quabbinvalleybaseball.org/>. The league is also in Facebook.

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The event is cancelled and will not be made up due to the immense amount of planning and work with sponsors, public safety, sanitation, and other officials needed to make the event happen.

“It’s not something you can just postpone for a couple of weeks and then make it happen,” a city official said at Morse’s press conference on Tuesday.

The cancellation has brought forth a lot of disbelief and disappointment in the amount of disturbance the coronavirus has caused in the past two weeks.

In neighboring Connecticut, the CIAC, the organization that oversees

the state’s high school sports has cancelled the remainder of the state tournaments for basketball, hockey, and other remaining sports that have competitions.

However, the MIAA, which is currently in the midst of holding the state tournament games at Worcester State University and TD Garden in Boston, have not cancelled games. However, they have made an advisory that reads:

“The Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) is moving forward to conduct the Basketball and Hockey Championship games scheduled on March 10-15. In accordance with the recommendations from Governor Baker to mitigate COVID-19, we

encourage participants, spectators, workers and community members to practice good personal hygiene. We support the recommendation for the elderly and those with underlying health issues to stay away from large crowds.”

MIAA official Roger Bacon, site director at Worcester State, said games were going smoothly and that officials have been monitoring the situation closely.

State final games are scheduled to be held Saturday.

There has been some initial discussions of spring sports at the high school level, but no restrictions or modifications have been announced as of press time.

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who are recognized for their achievements on the court, in addition to their sportsmanship and character off the court.

The three All-Star Games will be held on Thursday, March 19. The first game of the evening will feature the Division III and IV boys teams at 5:30 p.m., followed by the girls matchup at 7 p.m. The final game of the evening will showcase the Division I and II boys teams at 8:30 p.m.

Tickets for the All-Star games will be available at the Hall of Fame box office the night of the event and will be good for all three games that evening (Adults: \$10, Students: \$5).





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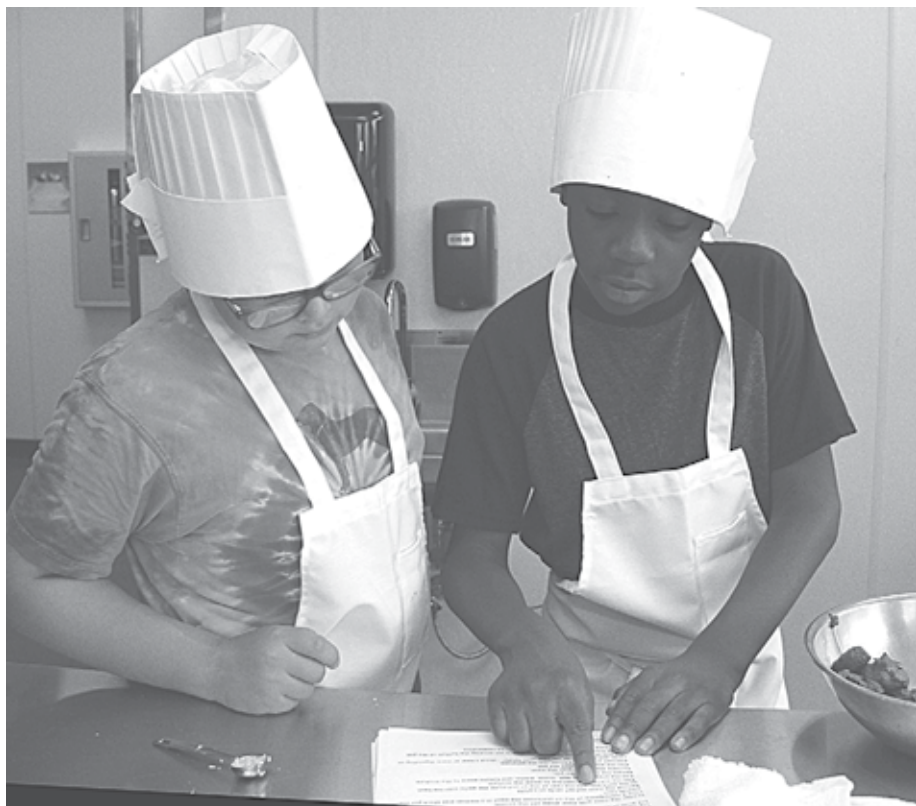
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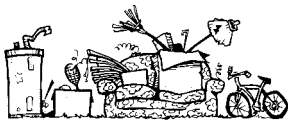
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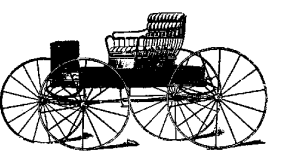
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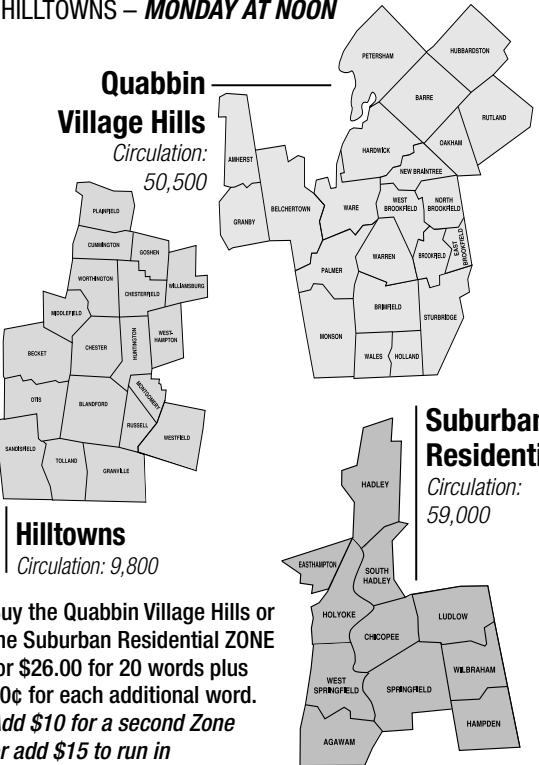
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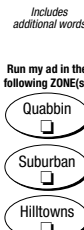
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Moira McDermott, the 2020 grand colleen, shows off her Irish knit sweater and official Holyoke Parade tartan scarf with Kathryn Dulchinos, colleen coordinator.



Nora Tucker, 3, works on a St. Patrick's Day craft at Dobbin's Tartan Party last Saturday at the Holyoke Merry-Go-Round.



Riley Bombard, 2, works on a coloring craft with Jill Gagne.

Photos by Adrienne Johnson

# Best time a-Round



Matt O'Connor, this year's "Mr. Hibernian," played bagpipes to welcome families to Dobbin's Tartan Party.



Jackie Reardon sells shamrock soaps made by her granddaughter Mairin Bresnahan, 13, with help from friend Kathy Gallivan. Both are members of the Holyoke St. Patrick's Parade Committee.



Grand Colleen's Court members Trish Haradon, Grand Colleen Moira McDermott, Miss Congeniality Emily Couture, Natalie Mayko and Haley Dusseault serve birthday cake for Dobbin the horse at his March 7 party.

Families celebrated their Irish pride and enjoyed unlimited rides on the Holyoke Merry-Go-Round during last weekend's Tartan Party, hosted by the Holyoke St. Patrick's Committee in honor of Dobbin, the former Yankee Pedlar horse, who is beginning his third year of "retirement" at the carousel.

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